

AMENDMENTS

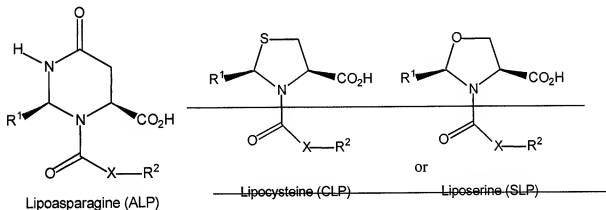
Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all previous versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all previous listings and versions thereof:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A fatty amino acid compound, wherein the fatty amino acid compound or carboxylate salt thereof has a formula of:



wherein R¹ and R² are each, independently, a linear, branched, saturated and/or unsaturated hydrocarbon; ~~a cholesterol moiety; a steroid moiety; an aromatic moiety~~; or a combination thereof, wherein R¹ is a hydrocarbon of at least 5 carbon units; and

X is an O group or a CH₂ group.

3. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 2, wherein R¹ and R² are the same.
4. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 2, wherein R¹ and R² are different.
5. (Currently amended) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 2, wherein ~~at least one of~~ R¹ and R² [[is]]are a hydrocarbon of at least 5 carbon units.

6. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 5, wherein the hydrocarbon is a linear hydrocarbon.
7. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 5, wherein the hydrocarbon is a saturated hydrocarbon.
8. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 5, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a linear saturated hydrocarbon of at least 10 carbon units.
9. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 8, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a linear saturated hydrocarbon of at least 15 carbon units.
10. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 9, wherein at least one of R^1 and R^2 is a linear saturated hydrocarbon of at least 20 carbon units.
11. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 2, wherein X is an O group.
12. (Original) The fatty amino acid derivative of claim 2, wherein X is a CH_2 group.
13. (Currently amended) A liposome comprising the fatty amino acid compound of claim 1.
- 14.-16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently amended) A food comprising a fatty amino acid compound of claim 1.
- 18.-29. (canceled)